

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to a novel class of antibiotic agents, more specifically 10-desmethyl, 10-substituted-macrolides, their preparation, pharmaceutical compositions containing them, their use and methods of treatment using them.

BACKGROUND

The macrolide antibiotics are a large class of compounds, many derived from *Streptomyces* spp, which comprise a saturated $C_{13}ON_x$ (where x is 0 or 1) macrocyclic lactone ring substituted by one or more sugars, generally at the 5-carbon and optionally also at the 3-carbon. One early example is erythromycin A which has a $C_{13}O$ ring substituted by sugars at the 3 and 5 ring carbons (the ester carbonyl is at the 1 position and the ester ring oxygen at the 14 position).

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SUMMARY

We have now surprisingly found that 10-desmethyl macrolides, i.e. macrolides carrying a substituent (but one other than methyl) at the 10-carbon, have desirable antibiotic properties.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Where referred to herein, a 10-desmethyl macrolide is a macrolide having a non CH_3 substituent at the 10-carbon of a $C_{13}ON_x$ lactone ring, preferably one having a carbon-attached substituent at the 10-carbon.

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- (1) R is methyl substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of
- (i) CN,
 - (ii) F,
 - (iii) CO_2R^3 wherein R^3 is selected from hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ -alkyl or aryl substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ -alkyl, or heteroaryl substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ -alkyl,
 - (iv) OR^4 wherein R^4 is selected from hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ -alkyl or aryl substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ -alkyl, or heteroaryl substituted $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ -alkyl, heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted cycloalkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ -alkoxy- $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_3$ -alkoxy, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$ -alkenyl or aryl substituted $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$ -alkenyl, or heteroaryl substituted $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$ -alkenyl, heterocycloalkyl and optionally substituted cycloalkyl, aryl or optionally substituted aryl, heteroaryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl,